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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of November 18, 2010, in which a threemonth shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 18, 2011, and which has been extended, by the herein enclosed request for extension of time, to expire on April 18, 2011, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper:

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